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2 additional counties approved for federal public assistance

INDIANAPOLIS (November 7, 2008) -- Governor Mitch Daniels has received word that President George W. Bush has approved Daviess and LaPorte counties for federal public assistance for damage sustained by severe weather that began September 12.

To date, 34 Indiana counties have been approved for federal public assistance. Those counties are Clark, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Decatur, Dubois, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Lake, LaPorte, Lawrence, Martin, Newton, Ohio, Orange, Perry, Pike, Porter, Ripley, Rush, Scott, Spencer, Switzerland, Union, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Washington and Wayne.

Public assistance means state government and local governments and certain non-profit organizations in these counties are eligible to apply for federal assistance to pay 75 percent of the approved cost of debris removal, emergency services related to the disaster and repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, buildings and utilities.

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